

MAJOR FIELD ASSESSMENT PLAN
BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to meet the educational and cultural needs, primarily of Southeast Louisiana, to disseminate knowledge and to facilitate life-long learning through quality instruction, research and service in a safe, student-centered environment.

GOAL 1

To provide the skills and knowledge needed to teach music.

Expected Outcome

Students completing the BME program will have developed sufficient teaching techniques and skills that they will be well prepared for their first teaching position.

Assessment

- a. 85% of graduates will respond with a 4 or 5 (5 being “very satisfied”) to the question “How satisfied are you with your undergraduate training at SLU and its preparation of you for your first teaching position?”
- b. 85% of those taking the professional Education and Music Specialty area portions of the NTE exam will pass both portions.
- c. Employers of our BME graduates will indicate on a departmental survey forwarded to them one year after the student’s hiring an average rating of 7.5 or higher (on a scale of 1-10, 10 being “superior”) in response to the question “How well was your employee prepared for his position by SLU?”

GOAL 2

To develop musical skills.

Expected Outcome

Each student will develop enough technical command of his or her instrument or voice that he or she will be able to publicly perform representative examples of three or more style periods in a musically acceptable fashion.

Assessment

The student will present a degree recital meeting all the requirements set by their specific performance discipline, which will receive a pre-performance evaluation or hearing. The actual performance will be graded by at least 66.6% of the faculty of the specific discipline. The recital will be rated on a scale of 1-10 (10 being “superior”) in the areas of musicality, technical competency, stylistic awareness, and (for singers only) diction. The average score must be 7.0 or higher.

GOAL 3

Provide knowledge of music theory and music history

Expected Outcome

Students completing the BME program will compare favorably in their knowledge of music theory and music history with those students graduating in the field nationally.

Assessment

The average score of the graduates of the BME program on the Major Field Achievement Test in Music (which they will be required to take shortly before graduation) will be at or near the 50th percentile compared to national results.